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FOR:	APPARATUS FOR DETECTING CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES AND METHOD THEREFOR

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Enclosed are:

- 12 sheets of □ formal □ informal drawings.
- Transmittal of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-329294 to claim priority date of September 22, 2003
- An assignment of the invention to Hitachi., Ltd.
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